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FRIENDLY HILLS SCHOOL
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Principal's Page: AND NOW THE BAD NEWS

Generally, I like to share good news on the Principal's page, but unfortunately, this month brings bad news. As many of you know, our state is in dire financial shape. Deficit projections range from 25 to 35 billion dollars. Our state deficit exceeds most state budgets. Education can not go unaffected. Education takes up nearly 50% of all state spending and will have to be cut in order to balance the budget. While our district has tried to be careful with their money, they are not able to escape the coming budget shortfall without reductions.

As a district we will be losing our class size reduction in grades Kindergarten and Third. This will mean that these grades could be back up to 30 students next year. Due to this, Friendly Hills has been informed that we will be losing two positions for next year. This means that we must reduce our staff by two teachers. While specific assignments have not been determined for next year, some things we already know will happen.

This continues the bad news for us, but is very good news for one of our teachers. Mrs. Dempsey will be retiring at the end of this year to enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation. We will sorely miss her and her dedication to our students. Over the years she has established a tradition of excellence that will be hard to replace. This change will take care of one of our two reductions.

The other loss of staff will most likely result in one of our teachers being moved to another site, unless someone else decides to make a change of schools. This is based on seniority. The least senior staff member at this time is Miss Hodges. At this time we do not know for sure that she will be moved, but it remains the most likely possibility.

We do not anticipate any other staff reductions at this time. Our seventh and eighth grade classes will continue, as will all of our outstanding intervention programs.

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Dates of Interest

- 3/6 FHES Science Fair @ 6 pm
- 3/10 Teacher/Parent Conferences
- 3/11 FHEA @ 6:30 pm
- 3/13 SBMC @ 3:45
- 3/27 Awards Assemblies
Family Math Night @ 7pm
- 3/28 End of 3rd Quarter



FAMILY READING RALLY 2003

The kids all called out
They smiled as they burst
"Come to the Rally!
It's coming March first!"

A Rally for Reading!
A Rally for you!
With so many wonderful
Things you can do!

Some things you can make
Some things you can see
Some things you can learn
And all things are FREE!

Learn printing with blocks
Hear the radio man
Have fun with the newspaper
Eat "Green Eggs and Ham!"

Get your face painted colors
Paint other things too.
A home in a tree?
Who does that? Who? Who?

And then when you're done
Doing all that you do
You think that you're finished
You sit down and say "Phew!"

There's just one more stop
That you must give a look
It's the place that you'll go
To pick out your free book!

So, come to the Rally!
Come and have FUN!
You'll be glad that you did
You'll be glad what you've
done!



What: Family Reading Rally,
2003

Who: All of the Morongo
Basin is invited!

When: Saturday, March 1

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Copper Mountain
College

All activities are FREE. The
first 500 children participating will receive a FREE
book courtesy of Adelphia Cable and the Morongo
Teachers Association.

Speaking of Reading – News from our Library

This has been a super HUG A BOOK MONTH!

We really have a big red heart on our bulletin board and its rapidly turning pink. How does this happen, you ask? Well, after our students read a book, they put their name and book title on a small pink circle and these are put up on the big red heart. Its been fun watching our red heart blush pink.

We have been celebrating Black History Month, Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays and Valentine's Day. Whew!!! Our library has been humming with activity.

Our 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes are listening to the last of the three California Young Reader Medal Nominees, The Island of the Aunts. We all enjoyed Winn-Dixie and The Year of

Miss Agnes. We will be voting on these and the four primary nominees the end of March.

Paddington Pals for February:

Laura Flippen (Mrs. Strader's 6th grade)
Justin Howell (Mrs. Reed's 5th grade)
Lexie McNamee (Mrs. Dempsey's 4th gr)
Makayla Archer (Ms. Hodges 3rd grade)
Dylan Masterson (Mrs. Bernardini's 2nd)
Peyton Orten (Mr. Hesse's 1st grade)

Keep on reading,
Mrs. K. and dear Paddington



FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATION

The Friendly Hills Elementary Association has been at work this month, doing the business of the parents. Friendly Hills Elementary is fast becoming one of a very few schools where every child has at least one fieldtrip opportunity. Fieldtrips happen because we have an active parent group who work hard to insure that we fundraise in order that students can have the "extras". Please consider becoming an active parent volunteer. We can always use the dedicated help.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Kudos this month to Marilyn Burkett and Eli Colegio who volunteer, faithfully, to oversee



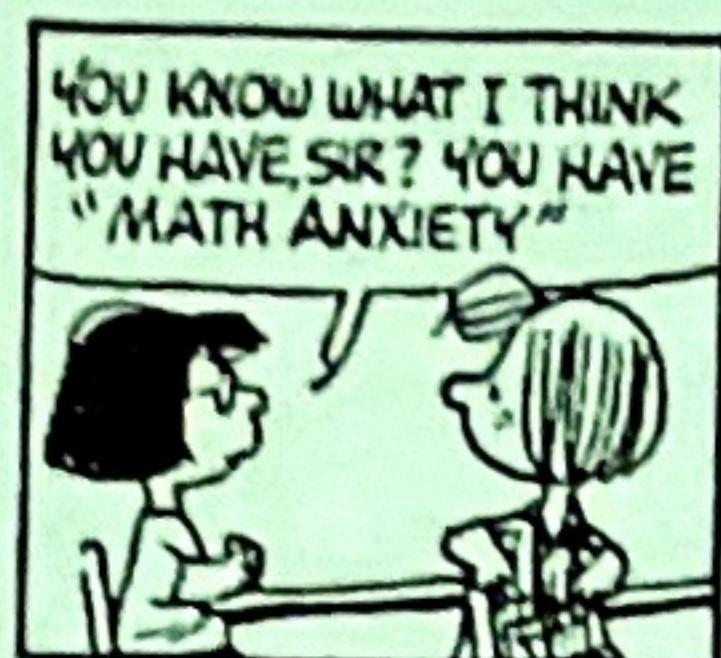
popcorn sales every other Friday all year long!

A special thank you to Mrs. Korcha, who quietly and regularly collects, trims, counts and sends in all those Campbell soup labels and Boxtops for Education.

Many hands taking care of the countless small tasks help to make this group successful!

Become part of this super group of parents!

Family Math Night



Did you know that in a group of 23 people, there is a better than 50% chance that two of them have the same birthday. Come and discover fun curiosities, great games and puzzles and learn about the mysteries of math. You may also finally be able to get over your math anxiety.

Several of our teachers will be presenting family activities in their classrooms on **MARCH 27 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**

Come at 6:30 p.m. to solve this problem:

Question:

"What do you get when you add 2 scoops of ice cream and one can of Root Beer?"

Answer:

"The great \$1.00 parent group ice cream float"

Spring Break
will be from

April 14 through

April 18.

Teacher/Parent Conference Day – March 10

As we quickly approach the end of the third quarter at the end of March, this is a very important time to touch base with your child's teacher. Teacher/Parent conferences are vital for the struggling student as well as the more successful student. Communication and strategies for achievement between school and home is the most important link to insure every student's success. Please be watching for an opportunity to make an appointment with your son or daughter's teacher for Monday, March 10.



The Yearbooks Are Coming.....

Again, this year, we will be having a school-wide yearbook. Every student will be represented with their classmates with plenty of room for signatures. There will also be a dedication page that parents of our graduates can sponsor with a special message to their son or daughter. Watch for ordering information to come home soon. Presale yearbooks, prior to March 15, will be at a cost of \$10.00 each. After March 15, the price goes up to \$15.00 each. So, act soon, order your Friendly Hills annual today!

Summer School Information-

Summer School, 2003, will start later in the Summer this year, so plan ahead! Classes will be held for four weeks, Monday through Thursday, from July 14 to August 7. This will enable families to vacation right when school lets out in June and when your children are just beginning to face boredom, an exciting Summer School session will begin. Students will be able to "brush up" on their skills, ready to begin a new school year on Wednesday, August 27. So, start looking ahead and watch for Summer School sign-ups in May. Elementary aged students will attend Yucca Valley Elementary while our junior high aged students will attend their summer session at La Contenta Middle School.

*Coming Together is
A Beginning;
Keeping Together
Is Progress;
Working Together
Is Success.*

**Please call
the school
every time
your child is
absent.**



WONDERFUL WRITINGS....

**Rain** by Ian Hubbard (Room 109)

On Tuesday, February 25, 2003 in the morning, it rained. When I woke up, I heard rain hitting the road. The bus driver was hitting the big puddles of water when I was on the bus at 9:10 a.m.

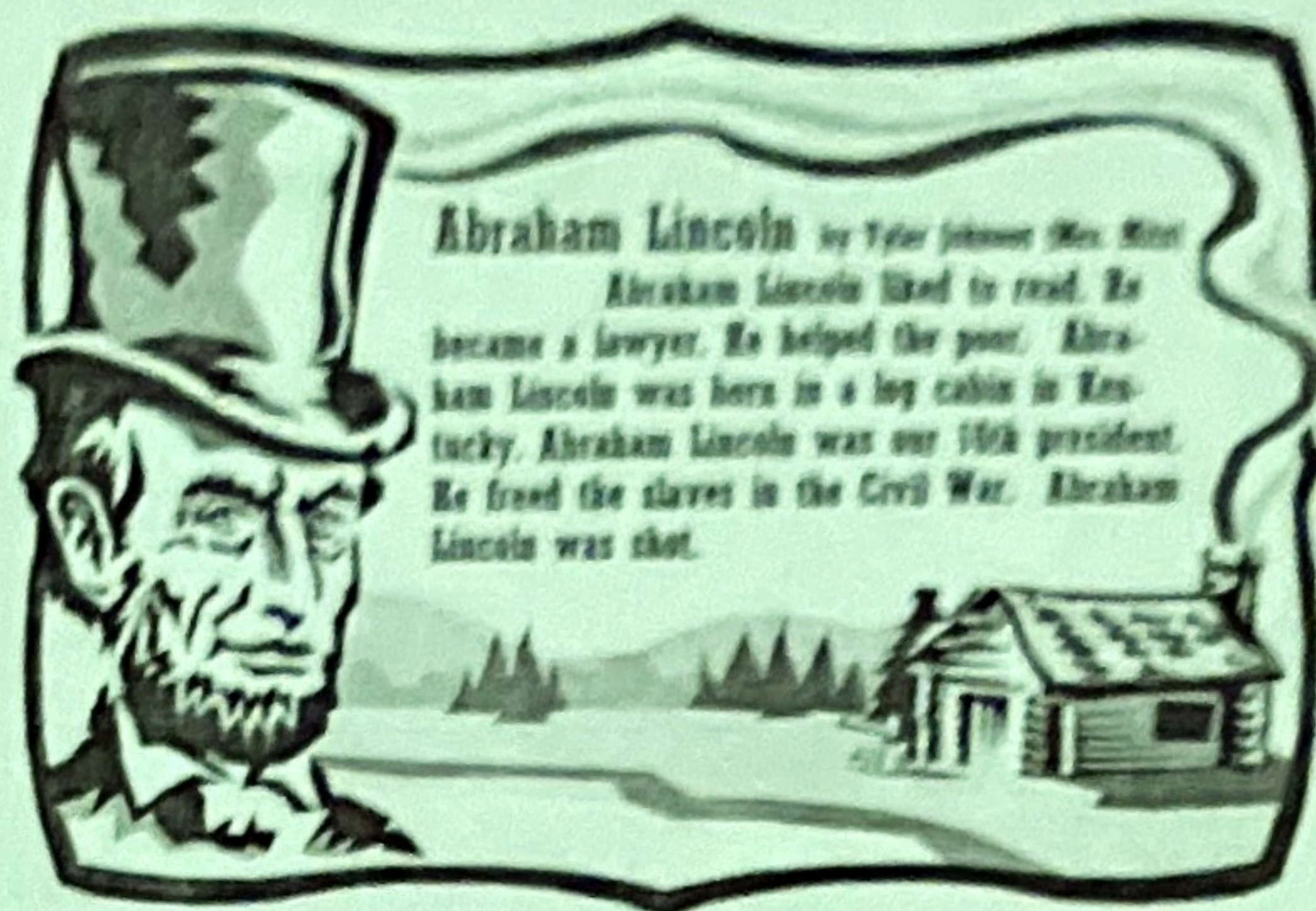
The rain is cold. Rain feels like a teddy bear. Rain feels soft and cuddly. Rain feels good.

Rain tastes like original water. Rain is cold like ice cream. Rain makes your tongue feel cold when you taste the rain.

I love rain. It smells like lemon. After the rain, the air smells like grass. The rain makes the air smell cleaner.

Rain is the best. I love it. Do you love it? I know I love the rain. The rain is good because the plants get something to drink and so do the animals. The rain is a big breeze. Rain feels great.

Rain is beautiful. I love how it hits my head. Rain feels good. That's why I love rain. Rain is awesome.

**Abraham Lincoln** by Tyler Johnson (Mrs. Mitt)

Abraham Lincoln liked to read. He became a lawyer. He helped the poor. Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. Abraham Lincoln was our 16th president. He freed the slaves in the Civil War. Abraham Lincoln was shot.

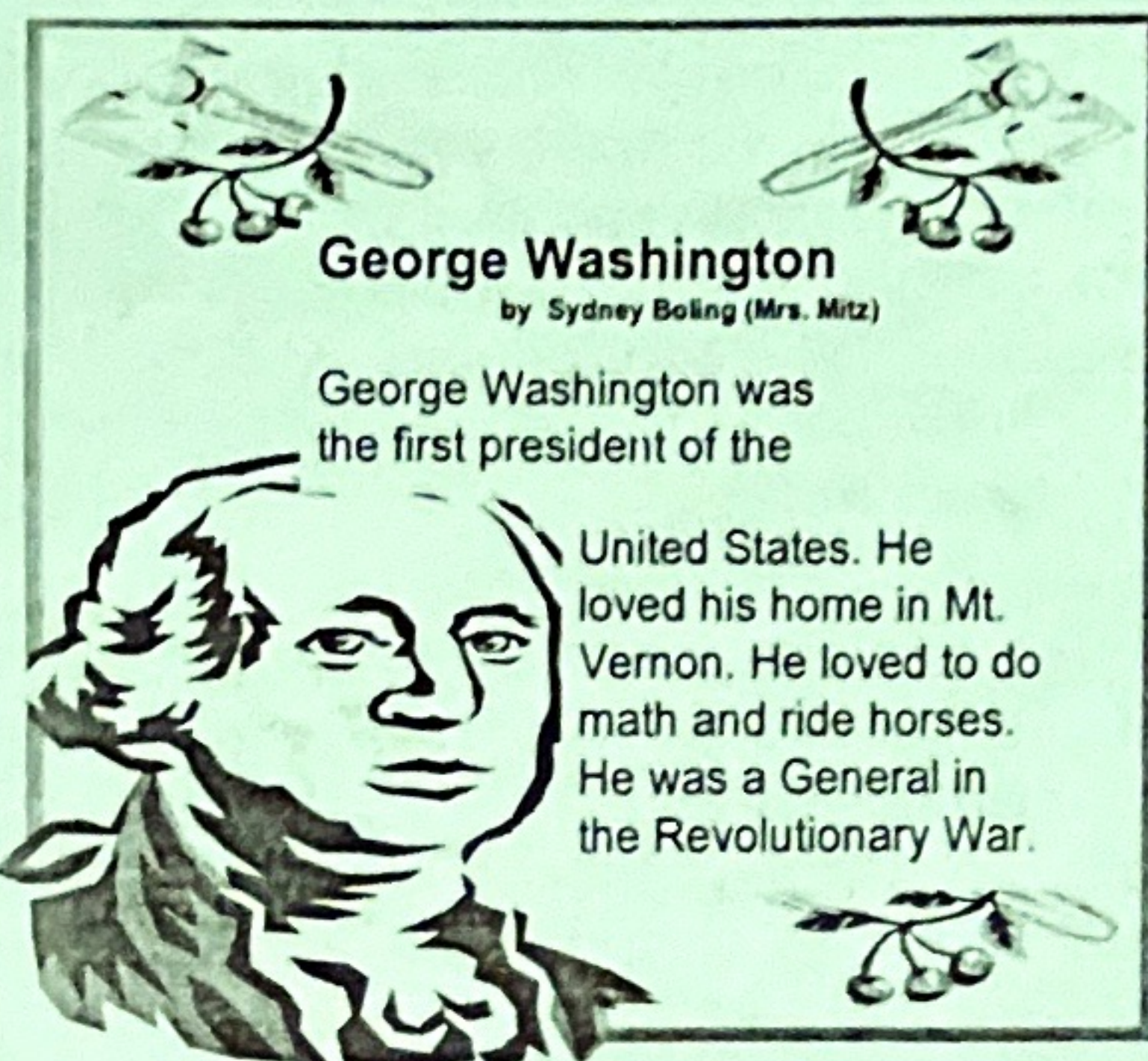
Abraham Lincoln by Lance Martin (Mrs. Mitt, Gr. 1)

Abraham Lincoln is on the \$5.00 bill. He was the 16th president of the United States. He liked to read. He was born poor. He became a president in 1861. He was shot in 1865. He became a famous president.

**Abraham Lincoln** by Mark Tiffany

Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin. He liked to read books. After he grew up he became the 16th president. He was in the Civil War. He was assassinated.

Abraham Lincoln lived in Kentucky and he was the 16th president. He won the Civil War. He was poor and got shot. They put him on the penny. By Caroline Ekins

**George Washington**

by Sydney Boling (Mrs. Mitt)

George Washington was the first president of the

United States. He loved his home in Mt. Vernon. He loved to do math and ride horses. He was a General in the Revolutionary War.

**George Washington** by Jacquelyn Adams

He was the first president of the United States. He lived at Mount Vernon. He loved to do math. He was on the quarter and the dollar. He rode horses. He is loved in our country.

George Washington by Ellen Kelly

He was the first president of the United States. He was in the Revolutionary War. He is on the quarter and the dollar. He liked to ride horses and do math. He loved Mount Vernon. You can visit his home in Virginia.

George Washington

by Jasmine Moore

George Washington was the first president in the United States. He is on the quarter and dollar. He lived in Mount Vernon. He enjoyed math and riding horses.

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Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.

Look for our school Web site at "Morongo.k12.ca.us/schools/morfhe

Our Story

Friendly Hills School was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since it's inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 4000 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated from high school in the year 2000. We are confident that those students, and all who will follow, leave this school with a strong, well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.

SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a

If you are interested

*in becoming a
parent member of
this committee,
please call Mr.*

Blanding

decision making body within the school. This committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff.

This past month we began to formulate our school plan based on teacher, parent, student and administration input as well as achievement data. This is a very important process in

determining how we will budget and spend our limited dollars.

In the next few months, we will be doing some very important work. First, we will be distributing and collecting our annual survey. The results of this survey are used to assist us in developing our year long school plan. This plan outlines our areas of focus, priorities for spending and our goals in several academic areas.

Each year we need new parents to serve on this important committee. The committee meets only one to two hours a month, but makes some of the most important decisions for our children. Please consider volunteering to participate on this committee for the coming year.

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Honor Roll

2nd Quarter

Mr. Bogner (Gr. 6)

Scott Bogner
Brittany Bostic
Lauryn Compton
Dylan Cooney
Sean Dittmer
Ryan Fleischman
Kelsey Frasher
Marialena Martinez
Mauricio Montejano
Sarah Reed

Mrs. Dempsey (Gr. 4)

Crystal Capwell

Mrs. Friedman (Gr. 4)

Ryan Bishop
Grace Bogner
Frederick Compton
Jenna Fisher
Brent Heller
Michael Hernandez
Brittany Hocker
Erin Ingram
Sarah Mummey
Michael Sanchez

Mr. Chambless (Gr. 5)

Christy Biqornia
Nicholas Lish
Kaitlyn Miller
Taylor Russell
Marissa Salomon
Breanna Schoenfeldt

Mrs. Reed (Gr. 5)

Nick Aguilar
Shelby Blair
Suzanne Chambless
Lucas Cushman
Justin Howell
Michael Korcha
Renee Robertson
Cody Rosselli
Sierra Smith
Monica Tree
Tim Zarki

Mrs. Strader (Gr. 6)

Devin Coburn
Nathaniel McPherson
Shanteal Nazario-Gaffney
Cheyenne Westlake

7th Grade (Semester)

Logan Aguilar
Katie Chambless
Kourtney Chinen
Kimberly Downes
Andrew Farison
Dakota Westlake

8th Grade (Semester)

Jimmy Benke
Ian Blanding
Ben Bogner
Dana Cruz
Shane Dittmer
Eric Hanson



Awards

February

Teacher's Name	Student of the Month	Citizenship Award	Outstanding Effort	Writing Award
Mrs. Bernardini	Sarah Fleischman	Michael Wightman	Hector Lucero	Allie Cressy
Mr. Bogner	Kai-Lee Rhodes	Thia Schrimshaw	Ben Benstead	Dylan Cooney
Mrs. Candelaria	Joey Hesse	Sariah Roy	Peter Lucero	Aubrey Wolfe
Mr. Chambless	Dylan Tandoi-Garr	Monique McEachern	Megan Velasquez	Jacqueline Palmer
Mrs. Dempsey	Taylin Nelson	Breeana Easley	Joshua Timm	Reed Elliott
Mrs. Friedman	Grace Bogner	Jenna Fisher	Felicia McChristian	Michael Sanchez
Mr. Hesse	Myraj McChristian	Sandra Landgrave	Rebecca Phipps	Derek Stafford
Mrs. Hesse	Lizzie Schmelling	Jared Blair	Jack Campos	Daniel Wightman
Ms. Hodges	Hannah Miller	Makayla Archer	Dionne Schrimshaw	I'brahn Smith
Mrs. Mann	Natasha McPherson	Jessie McCorkle	Holly Wightman	Marc Salomon
Mrs. Mitz	Max Tree	Adrianna O'Connor	Mark Tiffany	Lance Martin
Mrs. Reed	Suzanne Chambless	Alisha Colegio	Matt Watkins	Monica Tree
Mrs. Seacat	Chris Stevens	John Leagon	Damien Beaulieu	Adrianna Arizmendes
Mrs. Strader	Yvette Castaneda	Brian Arbuckle	Nathan Palmer	Richard Bell
Mrs. Tilson	Andy Hesse	Zach Sands	Kelsey Hulse	Alexis Ramos
Ms. Williams	Chris Gardner	Chris Gardner	Billy Brown	Ian Hubbard
Mrs. Winchell	Caleb Norman	Nathaniel Kelley	Bastian Eaton	Sierra Meskin